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## Senate

The Senate met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, whose might can save us, we trust You to deliver the Ukrainian people. Save them from those who shoot from the shadows.

Lord, we have trusted You in the past, when everything seemed to be falling apart. We continue to look to Your throne in Heaven for courage to face the worst that sin can do.

Lord, give our lawmakers wisdom to be strong and courageous in these dangerous times. Remind them that You have not given us a spirit of fear but power, love, and self-discipline.

Help us, Lord. We trust Your promises that cannot fail. Continue to hear our prayers and bring peace to our world.

We pray in Your mighty Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Jacqueline Scott Corley, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HICKENLOOPER). The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.

#### UKRAINE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, moments ago, speaking through a video feed from Kyiv, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy addressed Members of both the House and the Senate as the war in Ukraine enters its 21st awful day.

It is one of the highest honors of any Congress to welcome remarks by a foreign head of state, but it is unheard of to hear from a leader fighting for his life, fighting for his country's future, and fighting to preserve the very idea of democracy.

I cannot remember the last time a foreign leader united a room full of Members from both sides so quickly and so intensely. He spoke not just to American ears but to America's very soul. In one sense, his speech was reminiscent of the stirring feeling all of us

had in the aftermath of 9/11: equal parts resolve and unity and determination to save democracy from an hour of darkness.

As we have said from the start of the war, the Senate, the Congress, and the American people stand unequivocally behind the people of Ukraine. America will continue to strengthen our NATO allies and reassure our friends in Europe that we will remain a steady ally. It is why, last week, Congress approved nearly \$14 billion for food, shelter, money for Javelins and Stingers and anti-aircraft weapons and refugee help. Every last penny that the United States sends to Ukraine is money well spent.

This morning, it is reported that President Biden will also announce another \$800 million in military assistance. This means even more anti-tank, anti-aircraft missiles and other weapons that have been the most effective on the battlefield for the Ukrainians.

Last night, the Senate also unanimously passed legislation supporting investigations by the International Criminal Court into potential war crimes by Putin and his regime. I thank Senator GRAHAM and the many, many others who backed this bill. The Senate also confirmed the Ambassador-at-Large for Global Criminal Justice, our lead advocate in making sure this investigation is robust and it is swift.

These steps are all necessary. Over the last 2 weeks, we have seen Putin attack the largest nuclear plant in Europe, attack the Chernobyl containment site, attack a children's hospital, and attack designated humanitarian convoys. Putin, so far, is not winning militarily so now this evil man is trying to win by massacring civilians; massacring babies; parents, the elderly; and targeting apartments, just as he did in Syria, just as he did in Chechnya. If this doesn't equal a war crime, I don't know what does.

If it wasn't clear before, it should be clear now that President Putin and his

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